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NRC SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO REQUIREMENTS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission seeks public comment on a proposed rule to make several changes to its regulations for distributors of radioactive material, aimed at making requirements clearer, less prescriptive, more risk-informed and up-to-date.

The proposed rule, published today in the *Federal Register*, would also redefine categories of devices to be used under exemptions from regulation, add explicit provisions regarding the sealed radioactive source and device registration process, and add flexibility to the licensing of users of sealed sources and devices.

The proposed rule is primarily intended to make licensing processes more efficient and effective, while ensuring continued safe use of radioactive material. The changes would affect manufacturers and distributors of radiation sources and devices containing radioactive material, as well as future users of some products – such as static eliminators – currently used under a general or specific license.

Public comments will be accepted through Sept. 7. Comments may be submitted through the federal rulemaking Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov> by using Docket ID NRC-2008-0338. They may also be mailed to Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C., 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff. Or they may be submitted by e-mail to Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov.

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